

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the improper influence of an increasingly partisan media.

United States law allows Sinclair to use the public airwaves free of charge on the condition that it serve the public interest. But increasingly companies like Sinclair control the airwaves resulting in less of what we need for our democracy. Because a majority of our populace rely upon the television media for their information, Sinclair must be held to its obligations pertaining to its use of the airwaves.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Do not allow Sinclair to present unbalanced spin, without presenting a counterbalance. Thank you.